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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. No trading was reported on limited offerings. Demand was light to moderate. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to fair. Demand was mixed. Offerings were short to adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and thigh meat, balance slow. Demand was light as buyers are cautious and selective toward the market. Offerings were adequate.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 25, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 26, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	71.70 **	71.40 **	67.70 **
CENTRAL REGION	71.20 **	71.00	67.00
WESTERN REGION	72.20 **	71.50 **	67.70 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	71.70 **	71.00	67.10 **
CENTRAL REGION	71.20 **	70.80 **	67.75
WESTERN REGION	72.20 **	71.50 **	67.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	72-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	92-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-119

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of May 29, 2006

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	82.15	312,000
16-24 lbs.	81.71	14,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume: 356,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 20-May-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	BANDED	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
North East	769	-1	23.96	(A)	770	23.96
South Atlantic	687	-9	33.29	(A)	688	33.29
North Central	2,241	4	32.95	(A)	2,241	32.95
South Central	809	9	18.68	(A)	809	18.68
West	237	-25	28.48	(A)	237	28.48
U.S. total	4,743(B)	0	28.90	2	4,745	28.90
To-date						
2006	87,274(B)			111	87,385	
To-date						
2005	83,583(B)			61	83,644	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date 452,000; for last year to date 444,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

April	418,037*
May 1 - 20, 2006	319,258*

To date 2006	2,005,297*
To date 2005	1,974,989*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>Thousands</u>				
W/E 20-May-2006					
Head	2,099	2,634	10	2	4,745
Avg Wt	16.74	38.58	24.95	56.82	28.90
Last week	2,148	2,607	7	4	4,766
Same wk yr ago	1,980	2,623	12	1	4,616
Avg Wt	16.55	38.28	25.08	59.64	28.93
To-date/2006	37,399	49,423	452	111	87,385
To-date/2005	32,323	50,816	444	61	83,644

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 MAY 2006.

The market tone on tom drums was mostly steady. Some spot strength was noted on tom drums due to freight considerations and into select export markets. The market on tom 2-joint wings was steady to barely steady, tom full-cut wings steady to fully steady and tom necks steady. Demand light to moderate with some slowing due in part to the upcoming holiday weekend. Offerings of tom full-cut wings light, tom 2-joint wings adequate to instances fully adequate, balance mostly adequate. Trading was moderate on fresh tom breast meat and fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey for domestic shipments, balance light at best. For domestic: hearts 17, tails 36-38, fresh canner pack yearling hens 43, fresh breast trim 125, fresh scapula 130 cents delivered. Fresh tom drums traded at 37 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	116.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	135.00	12
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	112.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-41.00		38.56	32
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	35.00		35.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-29.00		27.26	31
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00-25.00		24.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.00-36.00		35.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	112.00	24
NECKS, TOM	27.00-29.00		27.64	88
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	176.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	188.00-195.00		190.36	440
THIGH MEAT	70.00-72.00		71.43	14
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	73.00	24
BREAST TRIM MEAT	122.00		122.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	172.00		172.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	176.00		176.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	189.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	94.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	24.00		24.00	350
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00		41.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	34.00	208
TAILS		W	34.00	27
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	69.00	162

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom breast meat was mostly steady, balance of white meat steady to instances firm. Demand was moderate to good, but slowing due to the upcoming holiday weekend. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat mostly adequate, balance short to light. Trading was heavy on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, moderate on tom drums for export, balance slow. For domestic: frozen hen and tom Grade A WOGs 81 for June-July shipments, fresh wing meat with skin 98-104 mostly 98, fresh scapula 124-127, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 135 and 12-16 lb. 170, plant grade basted 10-12 lb. breasts 138 cents delivered. For export: frozen thigh trim 36, tom defatted gizzards 58, fresh thigh meat 72, frozen thigh meat for Russia 98, fries 130 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	116.00	40		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	135.00	12	135.00	12
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	106.00		106.00	5	106.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	80	37.78	294
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	36.00-44.00		38.45	182	38.18	462
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	35.00		35.00	80	35.18	222
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.50-27.00		26.75	80	26.55	251
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	24.50	80	24.73	220
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	35.50	80	36.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	112.00	24		
NECKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	140	27.39	548
NECKS, HEN	26.00		26.00	20	26.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	176.50	80	176.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	189.00-195.00		191.83	862	191.64	1,690
THIGH MEAT		R	71.43	14	70.59	34
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	73.00	24		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	122.00	40	121.20	200
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS		R	172.00	5	172.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	176.50		176.50	20	176.25	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	94.00	80	94.60	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	187.00-190.00		188.85	80	188.91	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	20	21.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00		25.00	40	23.48	658
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00-44.00		43.03	248	41.75	488
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	40	27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00		39.00	104	35.67	312
TAILS		W	34.00	27	34.00	27
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	80	19.01	174
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00		67.00	52	68.51	294

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